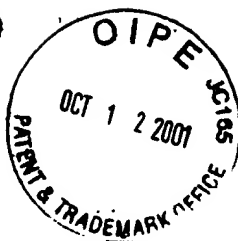


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20. Preparation according to Claim 18, wherein the weight ratios of (the partially neutralized esters of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid and the sorbitan esters) and (the one or more fatty alcohols) range from 1:1.

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Please substitute claims 37-39 with amended claims 37-39:

37. The method according to Claim 23, wherein the weight ratios of (the partially neutralized esters of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid and the sorbitan esters) and (the one or more fatty alcohols) range from 7:3 to 3:7.

38. The method according to Claim 37, wherein the weight ratios of (the partially neutralized esters of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid and the sorbitan esters) and (the one or more fatty alcohols) range from 2:1 to 1:2.

39. The method according to Claim 37, wherein the weight ratios of (the partially neutralized esters of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid and the sorbitan esters) and (the one or more fatty alcohols) range from 1:1.

#### CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

#### ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.